

# **Press Release-Town of Lancaster Assessor's Office**

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- **EXEMPTION FILING DEADLINE FOR ALL TOWN TAXPAYERS.**
- **SATURDAY/EVENING HOURS IN FEBRUARY**

Taxable status is **March 1 effective with the filing of the 2011 Assessment Roll**. Therefore, taxpayers filing for any REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION, for example, ENHANCED /SENIOR STAR, AGED EXEMPTION, VETERANS EXEMPTIONS, DISABILITY, AGRICULTURAL, BUSINESS INVESTMENT EXEMPTION OR OTHERS; must file or renew his or her exemption on or before **March 1, 2011**

**Renewals for the following exemptions -Enhanced/Senior STAR, Disability, Aged and Agricultural**, were mailed to all eligible taxpayers in October of 2010. Many people have already submitted the proper information and have renewed for 2011. If you have not, please be sure to come to the Assessor's office at Lancaster Town Hall by March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011. If you are unsure if you have renewed, please call the Assessor's Office at 683-1311 to determine your status

- For taxpayers under age 65 that have the BASIC STAR EXEMPTION, that does NOT have to be renewed.
- For taxpayers who already have the veterans exemptions, that also does NOT need to be renewed
- If you are turning 65 in 2011, you may be eligible for Enhanced STAR or the Aged Exemption-again, call or visit the assessor's office for information and how to apply.

## **The key things needed for most exemptions are:**

- 1.** Aged/Enhanced STAR/Disability-copy of your **2009** 1040 IRS return, or if not a tax filer, copies of your 1099's for **2009**.
- 2.** Copy of your property deed (we can assist in locating it if you do not have)
- 3.** Proof of residency- one of the following-License, Voter Registration, Auto Registration or Auto Insurance Card. Whatever is submitted must show your address and match your property address.
- 4.** Veterans-Copy of DD-214
- 5.** Disability-Information from Social Security, VA or similar verifying your disability

## **Special Saturday and Evening Hours in February**

- Thursday February 24<sup>th</sup> 5PM- 8PM
- Saturday February 26<sup>th</sup> 9AM-Noon
- Normal hours are Monday-Friday 8AM-5PM
- Hours also by Appointment

For further information please contact the Lancaster Town Assessor's Office at 683-1311 or e-mail Assessor Dave Marrano at dmarrano@lancasterny.com